[Translation]

Survey on Nizamuddin Area

3465. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued directives to the Department of Archaeological Survey of India to constitute a group to conduct a comprehensive survey of Nizamuddin area of the Capital, Delhi and to find out the monument and the tomb of famous poet 'Zaukh' located therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Archaeological Survey of India has find out the said monuments and the tomb;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A team of experts has surveyed the monuments in the Nizamuddin area of New Delhi. The area where the grave of the famous poet 'Zaoq' existed has also been separately identified.

(e) Question does not arise.

[English]

Saline Land in Rajasthan

3466. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fast degradation of saline land in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the main reasons responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to solve the problem of salienity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

M/s. Bochringer Mannheim (India) Limited

3467. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the production and sale of adulterated contaminated drug (Comsat Forte) by M/s. Bochringer Mannheim (India) Ltd. as detected by FDA-Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed in terms of fresh initiative to tighten the inspection and detection of inferior/sub-standard drug through FDA State Governments;

(d) the comprehensive plan of action of quality control and rampant sale of sub-standard drugs in rural and semi-urban areas of many States; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The instance occurred at the free cataract surgery Eye Camps organised by Non-Government Organisations at Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra and village Peresanda, District Kolar in Karnataka where persons on being administered different batches of Comsat Tablets (an antibacterial preparation manufactured by Bochringer Mannheim (I) Ltd., Thane reported adverse reactions which also resulted in the death of 2 persons in Karnataka. Samples of different batches of Comsat Forte Tablets on analysis revealed that it contained an anti-diabetic compound (Glibenclamide) as adulterant in them which caused adverse reactions in persons undergoing treatment. After in-depth investigations by Food and Drugs Adminisration (FDA), Government of Maharashtra, cancelled licences of the firm and persons involved in manufaiture and sale of the said drugs were arrested. FIRs were lodged against them as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

(c) to (e). The State Licensing Authorities have been asked to ensure compliance of Good Manufacturing Practices by manufacturing unit, as laid down under Schedule 'M' of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and to strengthen their enforcement staff as well as their quality control laboratories. In order to prevent circulation of substandard drugs moving in the interstate Commerce, the State Licensing Authorities have been empowered under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, to destroy such stock lying with the manufacturer/dealer. In pursuance of Drugs Policy, 1994, this Ministry have initiated steps to set up a National Drugs Authority. Besides many other functions, the Authority will streamline the registration and quality control of drugs moving in the inter-sate Commerce and by establishing new zonal/Sub-zonal Offices as well as by establishing Regional Drugs Testing Laboratories.

Sardar Sarovar Project

3468. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the request of Government of Gujarat for declaring the 'Sardar Sarover Project' as